



## **Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership Meeting Minutes August 16, 2007**

### **Summary**

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#### **Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) Members in Attendance (22):**

Dennis Burke, Chair (Governor's Office)  
Jean Ajamie (Department of Education)  
Tom Betlich (AHCCCS)  
John Blackburn, Jr. (Arizona Criminal Justice Commission)  
Eddy Broadway (Department of Health Services)  
Dave Byers (Administrative Office of the Courts)  
Scott Cocuzza (Community Member)  
Anthony Coulson (Drug Enforcement Administration)  
Kenneth Deibert (Department of Economic Security)  
David Felix (Department of Public Safety)  
Richard Fimbres (Governor's Office of Highway Safety)  
Dianne Gadow (Department of Juvenile Corrections)  
Jane Irvine (Attorney General's Office)  
Irene Jacobs (Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families)  
Lorraine Lee (Chicanos Por La Causa)  
Duce Minor (Parker Area Alliance for Community Empowerment, Inc. –PAACE)  
Jerry Oliver (Department of Liquor License and Control)  
Dora Schriro (Department of Corrections)  
Jeff Sanders (Community Member)  
Mary Specio-Boyer (COPE Behavioral Health Services/Meth Free Alliance)  
Christopher Vasquez (Pinal County Sheriff)  
Kim O'Connor (Governor's Office/Division for Substance Abuse Policy)

#### **Ex-Officio Members:**

Suzie Barr (Governor's Office)

#### **Committee Chairs:**

Carmen Gonzales (Co-Occurring Policy Advisory Team)  
Richard Porter (Epidemiology Work Group)  
Rena Rosales (Workforce Development Committee)  
Lisa Shumaker (Underage Drinking Committee)

#### **Governor's Office Staff:**

Carisa Dwyer (ASAP Staff)  
Jeanne Blackburn (Epidemiology Work Group Staff)  
Tonya Brown (Meth Task Force Staff)  
Holly Orozco (Underage Drinking Committee Staff)  
Enid Osborne (Co-Occurring Policy Team Staff)  
Lucas Tate (Arizona Parent's Commission Staff)  
Vera Begay (Administrative Support)



**Public:**

Angela Baldasare (Pima Prevention Partnership)  
Peggy Eggemeyer (Department of Juvenile Corrections)  
Bill Greeney (Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting)  
Ryan Harper (Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting)  
Blake Riley (JLBC)  
Vicki Staples (ASU-CABHP)  
Kathy Waters (Administrative Office of the Courts)  
Tad Wootten (Governor's Office-Efficiency Review Team)

**Call to Order**

Dennis Burke, Chair, called the meeting to order and verified that a quorum was present. Twenty-one out of twenty-three voting members were in attendance.

**Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Burke welcomed members and briefly described the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP). He provided information about the Executive Order that established this body, identified this as the first meeting and that this group is the statewide substance abuse coordinating body recommended by the Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force. Mr. Burke also clarified that Kim O'Connor is the single point of contact for substance abuse issues in the state and is a voting member of the ASAP. In addition, both the Governor's Office for Highway Safety and the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission have been added to the ASAP.

**Overview of the ASAP**

Jim Copple and Carisa Dwyer provided an overview of ASAP and reviewed the importance of ASAP. ASAP will provide strategic coordination and eliminate duplication of services and/or funding to communities; it will insist on accountability and measurement; it will drive state policy into community action; it will make policy and funding decision based on data, and it will reinforce and drive the interlocking program and policy linkages among existing taskforces and committees.

**Expectations and Guidelines of ASAP Members**

Mr. Burke reviewed the importance of participation and establishment of guidelines. He directed everyone to the vision, mission and goals developed by the previous body and encouraged the group to approve as listed to provide more continuity to the process.

**Approval of ASAP By-Laws, Goals, Vision/Mission**

Mr. Burke reviewed the by-laws citing their importance so this group may move forward. He then called for a motion to approve as written the by-laws, mission, vision, and goals. Richard Fimbres motioned, second by David Felix. Motion carried with no objections.

**Projected Outcomes and Activities**

The following reports were provided by the Chair of each standing committees, which will function as subcommittees of ASAP.



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- Meth Task Force: On behalf of Barbara LaWall, Chair, Tony Coulson provided an update on the current progress of the Meth Task Force. On May 7, 2007, Governor Napolitano released a comprehensive statewide strategy to address methamphetamine. The Methamphetamine Task Force report, *A Plan for Action: Addressing the Methamphetamine Crisis in Arizona* delivered specific policy recommendations in areas of prevention, treatment, law enforcement, healthcare, environmental cleanup and the workplace. This comprehensive plan outlines 10 Priority Recommendations, 28 Actions Steps and assigns responsibility for carrying out each action step to various state and local agencies. So far, each lead agency has taken steps to develop a timeline of short and long-term goals needed to reach the priority recommendation. Other accomplishments include:
    - The Division for Substance Abuse Policy and the EPI Workgroup prepared and released a report entitled: *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona*, which focuses on the methamphetamine problem in Arizona.
    - The Arizona High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HITDA) ISC sent a threat assessment survey to all Task Force Commanders on July 5, 2007.
    - In addition, the Arizona HITDA Executive board and Sheriffs County Association was briefed as to the Governor's Meth Strategy and the Threat Assessment on July 10, 2007.
    - Finally, an assessment of intelligence sharing resources and training opportunities are underway.
    - Continue to provide quarterly reports to the Governor on the outcomes of the Task Force.
  - Underage Drinking Committee: Lisa Shumaker, Chair provided the report on Underage Drinking (UAD) Committee. UAD is currently working with R&R Partners on the social norms campaign and will release an action plan with specific recommendations later this fall.
  - Epidemiology Work Group: Richard Porter, Chair provided the report on the EPI report. As mentioned earlier, the EPI Work Group just released a report, *The Impact of Substance Abuse: A Snapshot of Arizona*, which focuses on the methamphetamine problem in Arizona. The full report (200+ pages) is currently being edited and will be posted on the website in September. The *Snapshot* will be available on the Governor's Website along with the full EPI Report.
  - Co-Occurring Policy Advisory Team: Dr. Carmen Gonzales, Co-Chair discussed the need to address co-occurring disorders in the correctional system and appropriately respond to need, especially in reference to recidivism. She provided a brief overview of the co-occurring state incentive grant pilot program in Tucson and discussed the Legacy Project. Initial feedback from the offender population has indicated transportation as a primary challenge upon release in order to meet basic needs such as work, daycare, parole appointments, etc.



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- Workforce Development Committee: Renae Rosales, Co-Chair provided a brief overview of the committee and discussed the two primary activities. The first was to develop and post a coordinated training calendar with information from multiple systems statewide. This information is available on the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families website. The second is the development and posting of an on-line prevention workforce survey. The committee anticipates posting the survey and providing results by the November ASAP meeting.

#### **Approval of Standing Subcommittees**

Mr. Burke called for a motion to approve the Standing Subcommittees, motion by Jerry Oliver, second by Richard Fimbres. Motion carried with no objections.

#### **Policy Recommendations for 2008**

Jim Copple reviewed movement to utilize data to drive decision-making and policy/budget recommendations. ASAP's role is to use this opportunity to identify potential roadblocks and/or collaborative possibilities. The members were directed to utilize their existing policy packets for 2008, focusing specifically on substance use/abuse issues and answer three additional questions listed on the form for the October meeting. The information will then be presented to the ASAP and allow members to discuss and offer feedback.

#### **Future Meeting Schedule and Activities**

The next meeting will be October 17, 2007 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Other meeting dates are November 16, 2007, February 22, 2008 and May 16, 2008. All meetings will take place in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Executive Tower: 1700 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007.

#### **Call to the Public**

Mr. Burke made a call to the public, no requests.

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned.